## House Resolution No. 3899

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of Callaway County's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Grace Ethel Bonard Tharp, a treasured resident of Fulton, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on August 29, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at the V.F.W. in Fulton; and

Whereas, Grace Tharp came into this world in Fulton on September 17, 1914, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents William Burt Bonard and Christine Marguerite Miller Bonard, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Grace embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Westwood Russell Tharp, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and affection of three fine children; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Grace Tharp enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a childcare provider in Missouri for twenty years; and

Whereas, Grace Tharp has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her three children, Robert Wesley Tharp (deceased), Bennie Bernard Tharp, and Sandra Kay Tharp Fritz; and her eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now ninety years young, Grace Tharp faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Grace Tharp as she proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Grace Ethel Bonard Tharp, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3899, adopted August 23, 2004.